

Early American History
Questions for Day 101- 108
Part of the Easy Peasy All-in-One High School

Write about each topic. These are worth two points each except where noted. A proper paragraph is expected where five points are indicated. (total 19 points)

Samuel Slater created the first efficient American machinery for spinning cotton thread. He is often called the “Father of the Factory System” in America.

Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin and interchangeable parts (for guns.) The idea of interchangeable parts led to mass production and assemble lines.

The Industrial Revolution refers to the change in the way goods were manufactured. Instead of making goods with hand tools operated by skilled workers, goods were made with power-driven machines operated by semiskilled or unskilled workers.

(5 points) Francis Cabot Lowell was responsible for creating America’s first manufacturing plant. He returned from London having memorized the workings of the English power loom. He recreated the technology, made some improvements and convinced some other investors to go into business with him. This led to America's first manufacturing plant - converting raw cotton into cloth under one roof.

Cyrus McCormick's mechanical reaper helped one farmer working the machine to harvest as much wheat as five men in the same amount of time Cumberland Road / National Road

Samuel Morse He invented the telegraph and morse code.

John Deere invented a steel plow that was better than the wooden plows. It was stronger and lighter.

Cumberland road or National Road was a road constructed by the federal and state governments from Cumberland Maryland to Vandalia Illinois. It was a 41 year project.